

**INTERVIEW GUIDE FOR
DRUG TESTING
PROGRAM ASSESSMENT**

Prepared by:
The Walsh Group
J. Michael Walsh, Ph.D.
Leo A. Cangianelli

Prepared under funding from
The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

For the Workplace Managed Care Steering Committee

Contact:
J. Michael Walsh, Ph.D.
The Walsh Group
6701 Democracy Blvd., Suite 300
Bethesda, MD 20817
(301) 571-9494
FAX: (301) 571-2417
E-mail: jmwalsh@walshgroup.org

May 22, 1998

INTERVIEW GUIDE FOR DRUG TESTING PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

Background on your company or organization:

What is the product or service that your company provides?_____

How long has your company been in business?_____

How many locations does your company have?_____ Where are they located (State and City)?_____

What was your company's total sales volume last year? \$_____

Is your company's workforce unionized?_____

Is your company privately held or publicly traded?_____

What is the total number of employees in your company?_____ How are they distributed geographically? (by location from #3)_____

Drug testing program:

Is there a company substance abuse policy?_____

How long has your company utilized drug testing?_____

Is drug testing part of the collective bargaining process at your company?_____

Are there any state regulations that impact on the drug testing process?_____

Does your company have employees that are covered under Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations?_____ If yes, under which DOT agency? FHWA_____ FRA_____

__FTA_____ FAA_____

Coast Guard_____ Pipelines and Special Projects_____

Does your company drug test non-regulated employees?_____

Does your company perform random drug testing on non-regulated employees?_____ If yes, what is the random rate?_____

How are employees selected for random testing? (If a software package is utilized, which package?) _____

Please complete the chart below indicating the number of drug tests conducted per year in each category of testing:

Reason for Test	Regulated Testing Number of tests per year	Non-regulated Testing Number of tests
Pre-employment		
Random		
Post-accident		
Reasonable suspicion		
Return to duty		
Other		

Cost of testing:

What is the number of employees (FTE) in your organization that spend time performing each of the following drug testing functions?

Specimen collection_____

Medical Review Officer (MRO) function_____

Random selection process_____

Program administration_____

Supervisory training_____

Employee training_____

Does your organization have an in house medical department?_____ If yes, do they conduct specimen collections?_____ Do they perform MRO functions?_____

Please complete the chart below indicating the cost to your organization for each of the drug testing program components listed:

Item	Regulated Testing	Non-regulated Testing
Specimen collection	\$	\$
Transportation to lab	\$	\$
Lab drug test	\$	\$
MRO review	\$	\$
Random selection	\$	\$
Breath alcohol test	\$	\$

How much employee time is consumed conducting random testing? This can be approximated by estimating the time for an employee to travel to the collection site, provide the specimen and/or breath test and return to work: time away from work (hrs) _____ x number of employees that have random tests performed per year _____ = total hours consumed in random testing process _____. This figure multiplied by the average hourly salary will yield the cost of random testing in lost payroll dollars.

Time:

Please complete the grid below indicating turn around time, measured from specimen collection to receipt of final report (in days):

Type of test	Positive Result	Negative Result
Regulated drug test		
Non-regulated drug test		

Reports:

- 1) Are the results of the drug testing reported to a central location or is the reporting decentralized? _____
- 2) Please indicate the method(s) of reporting of drug testing results:
mail_____ fax_____ PC_____ Automated voice response
(AVR)_____ electronic mail box_____ dedicated printer_____
E mail_____ other_____
- 3) Are you receiving summary reports or statistical reports from the laboratory?_____

Testing panels:

What is the name of the laboratory you are currently using? _____

What in the name of the MRO you are currently using? _____

What contract collection sites are you currently using? _____

- 4) Please place a check next to the drug or test if it is included in your organization's drug testing panel:
cocaine_____ barbiturates_____
amphetamines_____ LSD_____

opiates_____
 cannabinoids_____
 PCP_____
 Benzodiazepines_____
 Meperidine_____
 Propoxyphene_____
 Methadone_____

urine alcohol_____
 TCAs_____
 creatinine_____
 pH_____
 specific gravity_____
 nitrites_____
 other_____

For each drug/test that you checked above, please complete the grid below:

Drug/test	Screening cut-off	Confirmation cut-off

Results of testing:

What is the total number of drug tests conducted in the past 12 months?_____

Please complete the grid below using information from the past 12 months:

Reason for test	Regulated testing Number of positive results	Non-regulated testing Number of positive results
Pre-employment		
Random		
Post-accident		
Reasonable suspicion		
Return to duty		
Other		

Please complete the grid below indicating the actual number of positive results per drug listed:

Drug tested	Regulated testing Number of positive results	Non-regulated testing Number of positive results
Cocaine		
Amphetamines		
Opiates		
Cannabinoids		
PCP		
Benzodiazepines		
Meperidine		
Propoxyphene		
Methadone		
Barbiturates		
LSD		
Urine alcohol		
TCAs		

Management systems:

- 1) In what format is drug testing data maintained in your organization?
 Computer files_____ nature of files_____
 Where maintained?_____
 Paper files_____
 Where maintained?_____
- 2) How much time is spent educating and briefing employees in the organization's substance abuse policy?_____
- 3) DOT MIS reports, please provide copies of any drug testing MIS data as required for DOT reporting purposes. Copies available Yes_____NO_____.